

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption as amended, pursuant to and consistent with the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 19-26 have been amended, so that claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19-29, and 33-37 will remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

In response to the requirement for election of invention mailed October 13, 2011, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, drawn to a ceramifying composition. Currently, claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19-29, and 33-37 read on the elected invention.

The restriction requirement between the inventions of Groups I and II is improper because the respective fields of search are closely related. Therefore, there would be no undue burden imposed by the examination of the claims of Group I together with the claims of Group II. Examination of all the claims of record is next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-17, 19-29, and 33-37 is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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